(ख) यह सूचना अभी तक नहीं मिली है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(घ) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान वन भूमि पर अवैध कब्जों को नियमित करने के लिये वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम 1980 के तहत कोई मंजूरी नहीं दी गई है।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Closure of factories to protect Taj Mahal

5589. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to close down the glass factories in Firozabad in UP to protect Taj Mahal for fear of further damage from possible pollution emanating from these factories;

(b) whether in view of Taj Mahal having been included in the World Heritage Category any financial assistance is received from abroad for protecting this monument;

(c) if so, whether Government would explore other means to save Taj Mahal without disturbing thousands of workers who earn their livelihood from these factories; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and what steps Government propose to take to provide them with alternate jobs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a), (c) and (d) The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated October 27, 1993 had ordered the closure of 212 industries which have not installed Air Pollution Control devices in the Agra-Mathura region, till such time as adequate measures are taken by the units. These industries include some glass factories of Firozabad in U.P.

Government have initiated a number of programmes to improve the air quality in Agra-Mathura region which are being implemented through various Ministries like Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Ministry of Surface Transport, Archaeological Survey of India, Ministry of Industry and the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) No, Sir.

Discharging of effluents by M/s Arooran Sugar Distillery

5590. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that M/s. Arooran Sugar Distillery in Tamil Nadu is presently discharging untreated factory effluents to Cooleroon and Manniyar rivers daily;

(b) if so, what is the capacity of the factory and also how much effluent do the factory produce;

(c) whether effluent treatment plant has been installed in the factory;

(d) if so, what is its capacity;

(e) how many periodical inspections of the plant were conducted during the past three years, year-wise figures;

(f) how many samples were taken and tested during this period with details of each test; and

(g) what steps being taken to see that no untreated effluent is discharged by the factory into these rivers in future ?